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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Regulation of broadband through the Communications Act

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

According to Connected Nation, Georgia could lose more than \$3.9 billion and more than 71,000 jobs if broadband deployment is not increased. With your new proposal to regulate broadband services under Title II regulation, I fear the growth that could boost my state's economy will be stifled. Our residents have too much to lose if the FCC decides to regulate broadband under Title II.

Georgia consumers already enjoy competitive broadband and wireless markets. The current business-friendly environment has prompted competition that provides our citizens and businesses greater access to cutting-edge technology. The increased consumer access to advanced services and products is due to the free and open nature of the Internet that has remained largely unregulated since its inception.

Broadband service stimulates innovation and keeps educational institutions, medical facilities, and small and large businesses connected. How are companies expected to invest and expand the broadband networks that deliver these benefits if the FCC dictates how they work?

During these tough economic times, we should be encouraging companies to invest in technology and jobs. If broadband service is regulated, companies will hesitate to invest in related technology, stalling economic growth in Georgia.

I urge you to consider the negative consequences of your recent proposal. Residents and businesses in Georgia and across the United States will lose more than they will gain if broadband service is regulated under monopoly era rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sonny Perdue".

Sonny Perdue

cc: Commissioner Michael J. Capps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker